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METHODIST BANQUET

LAYMEN AND LADIES LAUNCH OUT FOR GREATER CHRISTIAN EFFORT

As per previous announcement the various committees on Lay Activities of the Methodist Church gave a banquet and program at the church on Wednesday night. There was quite a large crowd present.

A reception committee met them as they arrived and distributed buttonhole souvenirs of fresh violets and after a season of social intermingling the service was opened with a song by the choir and prayer by J. S. Hardy, Lay Leader. R. D. Black made an appropriate talk.

A scripture lesson was read by W. E. Adamson. Addresses were made by Pastor Stephens, T. O. Doffebach, Judge Cullen, C. Higgins and Presiding Elder Griswold.

The male quartette composed of Ed. Curry, Walter Curry, J. E. Stephens, and J. P. Chambers rendered two appreciated numbers.

After these exercises the people assembled in the basement and partook of a generous provision of cake and punch.

It was a great social success and brought the members of the church in more full accord and lays the foundation for a greater degree of co-operation of the people in religious activities.

Public Schools Honor Washington. Appropriate exercises honoring Washington's birthday, last Monday, February 22, were presented in the High School auditorium by the pupils of Misses Veda Maxwell and Vera Heath.

Parents were invited and a few attended, witnessing a most enjoyable affair.

In a Colonial drill from Miss Maxwell's room, fifth grade, the following took part: Girls—Dorothy Chambers, leader of one side; Lila Gurnette, leader of the other side; Bonnie Webb, Eva Strayhorn, Verna Nelson, Willetta Brown, Bessie—Alph Wright, H. V. Williams, Horace Cotten, Charles Alexander, Dan Poque, Homer Green.

Following participated in the pantomime performance: Laurence Dantler, Washington as a child; Raymond Arton, Washington as a lover; Bonnie Baze, a Colonial young lady; Andra Morris, Martha Carter, or Mrs. Washington; Raymond Sears, George Washington as a man.

From Miss Heath's room, sixth grade, presented the "Spirits of Days Gone By" with the following participants:

Morris Watson, a scholar; Wyman Crowder, Jesse Koonman, L. O. Grantham, Cash Smith, J. P. Strayhorn, John Sturdivant, Lyle Doffebach, T. H. Duff, Ole Davis, Vergie Thompson, Merte Johnston, Velma Mayo, Nell Higgins, Darwin Whitmore, Reinal Young. The Spirits: Lorie Stokes, Vera Turner, Solu Crutcher, Ruby Parsons, Inez Raza, Velma.

Then followed a Colonial Tea Party, participated in by Lols Sears, Maude Hollingsworth, Thelma Nelson, Ethel Watts, Willie Mae Wilks, Kenneth Covling, Theresa Cotten, Rose Johnston.

Lucille Strayhorn supplied piano music.

More About Dermott Mail.

Uncle Jep Brown, of Dermott, paid the Signal a social call Thursday. He says the U. S. mail arrangement for his town is still very unsatisfactory. The northbound mail is carried thru at night and comes back next afternoon. He thinks some plan should be adopted to have the train stop long enough for the messenger to get off and deposit the mail pouch in some safe place at the station where the agent could find it in the morning, at the same time getting the outgoing mail. In that way the agent would not have to remain up, and the people would get their mail earlier. Mr. Brown says that is the plan being followed at one small station where his son-in-law is agent and it works well.

L. Y. Duke has moved on to Route 1, west of Snyder and has the Signal sent to him.

BIG LUMBER DEAL

BURTON-LINGO YARD RETIRES— SELLS STOCK TO OTHER SNYDER YARDS

A big lumber deal was recently consummated here, wherein the Burton-Lingo stock of lumber has been sold to the Higginbotham-Harris Lumber Company and the O. L. Wilkinson Lumber Company, each purchaser taking half of the stock and removing it to their respective yards.

This deal concentrates the lumber business in Snyder to the two yards and they are both first class yards and under sound and reliable management. Snyder is the central point for an immense trade territory and lumber from here goes out to all parts of our rapidly developing country and to adjoining counties. The well stocked yards in Snyder are prepared to meet all demands and maintain the reputation of Snyder as a leading market for lumber the same as anything else.

Mr. T. G. Doffebach and Mr. Allen Warren have been connected for a long time with the Burton-Lingo company and have done a good business. The Signal is not advised as to what these gentlemen expect to do.

Trump Arroused Wrong House.

A few mornings ago before time to get up, Uncle Pack Wolfe was aroused by a knock on his door. When he opened up he found a stranger who said he wanted something to eat. In answer to questions he said he was not sick, had not been shipwrecked, but couldn't find any work to do. He had slept in a seed house at a sign the night before and was hungry. Uncle Pack is always kind hearted and generously shares his subsistence with the worthy poor, but he wants able bodied men to do their part. He told the fellow to come in and eat breakfast and as much of the city he would find him a job. The tramp realized that he had waked up the wrong man and started to slide on, but was restrained to eat and get breakfast. The marshal brought the fellow up here and gave him just as many lectures as he could get out of town. He told the fellow he could have back all those minutes, but one, for he was gone. Later in the day he was seen trudging along the railroad toward Post City.

Petit Jurors For District Court.

First week, March 17—J. H. Hamlett, J. Hoff, E. A. McMash, J. D. Deak, H. M. Murray, J. A. Woodfin, H. M. Murphy, I. W. Brown, T. I. Bryant, S. C. Porter, J. L. Belcher, W. T. Rankin, B. C. Heru, W. P. Peterson, L. L. Smith, J. G. Landrum, Fred Morris, J. M. Savage, Fred Parsons, J. I. Heaves, Walter Wasson, W. W. Rogers, R. E. Smith, N. B. Moore, B. D. Mason, E. H. Higginbotham, W. Gentry, G. W. Lewis, W. L. Clark, J. Monroe, R. P. Pryor, M. Stacey, B. C. Taylor, A. W. Howell, H. M. Mixon.

Second week, March 22—R. L. Sewall, J. S. Hart, J. H. Patterson, J. A. Hood, A. H. Trice, S. W. Barfoot, T. H. Crowder, S. D. Hays, Will Johnson, A. Parker, W. T. Murphy, T. H. Huffman, H. G. Moore, L. J. Harris, Joe Taylor, J. C. Amos, A. A. Pruitt, G. P. Light, B. Higginbotham, T. E. Jenkins, J. B. Boles, W. H. Stamps, J. G. Lockhart, H. Richter, L. W. Greenway, W. F. Hamage, John Merritt, B. E. Wagner, J. W. Berry, J. S. Doster, D. N. Price, J. S. Golden, S. L. Johnson, J. W. Huddleston, J. D. Letcher, G. M. Manie, T. B. Faver, G. L. Aubry, J. P. Billingsley, A. E. Pace, A. C. Garrett.

Took Prisoner to Florida.

It will be remembered that about two weeks ago a man calling himself Jack Martin was arrested and lodged in jail here on charge of theft of a saddle from Mr. Nelson and a lot of meat from Mr. Robinson near Camp Springs.

Since that time it has come to light that he is a much wanted man.

Deputy Sheriff Harkins, of Floyd county came here Monday to see if he was a certain Jack Tucker under indictment in that county for disposing of mortgaged property. The officer found the man he was after and took him away Tuesday morning to Florida, to answer for his operations there.

Lawyers Banquet at The Manhattan Hotel

An array of beauty composed of holiday decorations in a great dining room with tables laden with accessories for, and with a six course dinner announced for 8:30 o'clock p. m., and the assembling of a weaving mass of intelligent humanity, attired in glad clothes, the sound of the rustle of silk gowns drowned amid the sweet strains of modern music must appeal to every living soul that traverses the surface of God's great world.

Such was the occasion of the Lawyers Banquet at the Manhattan hotel, Tuesday evening, February 22nd, 1915, Snyder, Texas, honoring the memory of the one hundred and eighty-third birthday of this country's greatest leader and statesman, George Washington.

At the appointed hour the legal fraternity, together with their wives and sweethearts, congregated in the second floor parlors of the hotel and were escorted to the dining hall by Toastmaster Fritz R. Smith, who, in his usual good natured manner, held the guests spell-bound with humorous originality around the banquet board until the orchestra quelled his rales and the first course of serving commenced.

Happy and well-arranged menu-grams were found at each plate which furnished assurance that there was more coming. At least an hour and a half was spent in quietude, broken only by splendid music supplied by Boyd's orchestra, and at the conclusion of the third course a most excellent vocal solo which upon special request, was delightfully censored by Mrs. Clifton S. Perkins.

When the last course had vanished and the participants turned the menu leaf, sparkling optics rested on a formal program, which the Toastmaster announced would be carried out in the letter of the law, commencing with District Clerk W. R. Adamson, who delivered an able discourse on the subject, "If I Were in the General Practice."

Next came H. W. Webb who fairly refused to spend upon the honored subject of "The Joy of a Practitioner's Life." He capped the climax in presenting the many reasons why he declined to handle the points named, and concluded by gently roasting the Toastmaster, who in turn got "his hog back" by perching the disconnected telephone "one" on the young gentleman.

County Attorney W. W. Weems on "Article No. 735 Code Criminal Procedure" fully demonstrated that he was aware of how he felt on the subject, altho' his friends were wise to the fact that his actual experience was limited, having taken onto himself a "better half" since his debut into public life.

Mr. Philip Yonge, with as much taste and wildness as a woman, told of the "Lawyer's Place in Society." Judge Smith advised him to buy stock in chocolate (blonde) and gum-drop milk. His expression indicated that he had already invested, and then some.

Mr. Jas. L. Spiller in "My Experiences"

Mrs. Hunt Says: "It's a Boy."

Rev. J. W. Hunt, former pastor of the Methodist church in Snyder had been invited to come over from Abilene and attend the Laymen's Banquet at the church last Wednesday night, but a message was received from him Wednesday saying he could not come because he and Mrs. Hunt have a new boy at their house demanding his presence.

Their many friends in Snyder are joined in congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Hunt on their new possession.

Lady Died Near Ira.

Mrs. Bud Russell, aged about 23 years died last Thursday at the family home near Ira. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Childress of that community and was married to Mr. Russell a short while ago. She was of one of our best families and was held in high esteem in the community. The sorrowing husband and relatives have the sympathy of many friends.

ience at the New York Bar" presented thoughts that opened the eyes of local practitioners, caused the audience to crane their necks while speaking of the high buildings, and brought blinches to the younger set by literally speaking of the clouds hugging the tops of the sky scrapers. The Toastmaster quelled him only by telling the audience of Jack county.

Mrs. Thomas Perkins, upon being called, presented a dainty little original spring poem which created quite a ripple of mirth.

Judge Cullen Higgins was called upon and responded by highly complimenting the local bar, telling of the absence of "besetting sins" among Snyder lawyers, as compared to the average in the fraternity. His remarks were cheering.

Judge Yonge also paid a tribute to local attorneys, especially mentioning Judge Higgins and Mr. Spiller.

Messrs. Tilton and Clifton Perkins both responded with brief but excellent toasts to the occasion.

Mr. W. W. Hamilton in glowing over his "single blessedness" thus far in life made capital out of the fact that he did not receive his orders from the breakfast table, as most of his colleagues did, but direct from the court, as, in his estimation, gentlemen should. His contentions, however, met with convincing rebuttal from Mr. Hardy Boyd, who concluded an elaborate banquet toast with a proverb that "all married lawyers wives would forever remain as sweethearts in their husbands' and that all single lawyers' sweethearts would soon become their wives." Toastmaster Smith asked Mr. Boyd who was our president twenty-four years ago, and he promptly replied, "Woodrow Wilson."

Following a few words from the signal man the Toastmaster "dismissed" and a delightful service of the "Lawyers Banquet" came to a close.

The Manhattan Hotel, "entertained the guests" as word and the feast was equal in a real way to the dinner. Mr. and Mrs. O. Lykes were so pleased as "a basket of ships" throughout the evening. Mr. Lykes was as hands as a handful on a jig and Mrs. Lykes, wearing a sparkling new frock, engineered the efficient corps of waiters to the complete satisfaction of all present.

Mr. J. D. Boyd's orchestra made a lasting "hit" by the splendid music that interpreted the program.

The company disbanded at 12:05 a. m.

Following is a personnel of those present:

Judge and Mrs. Arthur Yonge, Judge and Mrs. Clifton C. Higgins, Mr. Philip Yonge and Miss Seudder, Mr. and Mrs. Tilton P. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton S. Perkins, Judge and Mrs. Fritz R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Weems, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Mr. Hardy Boyd and Miss Alice Grayson, Mr. W. W. Hamilton and Miss Mary Grayson, Mr. H. W. Webb and Miss Maude Akers, Mr. Jas. L. Spiller, Mr. J. P. Chambers of the Signal.

Old Citizen Passes Away.

Mr. R. E. Layne, aged 72 years, died Tuesday evening of this week at his home near Ira, after an illness of a week, with pneumonia.

Mr. Layne was one of Scurry county's best citizens and had the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends.

He was a member of Hill Scurry Camp United Confederate Veterans. He was a loyal citizen, a good man.

The Signal joins his many friends in feelings of sadness because of his death.

W. J. Waldrip was in Tuesday from Ira and moved his Signal date up a notch.

Mr. A. E. Duff and family left Tuesday for Brownwood.

Ray Dawson, salesman at the Donson & Smith store is on the sick list this week.

HOME TALENT EVENT JORDAN DENIED BAIL

ALTRUIAN CLUB CONTRACTS FOR CIVIC BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.

The ladies of the Altruiam Club are planning to put on here in the near future a home talent entertainment of recognized merit, under the supervision of Miss Terrell, of Dallas. This entertainment promises to be of more than ordinary interest and will bring out the best stage talent of the young people of Snyder.

The net proceeds of this function will be applied to the improvement of Southborough street, or other lines of civic improvement.

The Altruiam Club is composed of some of the most progressive women of the town. Their chief aim is the promotion of such things as may conduce to the happiness, pleasure and self respect of the people and they deserve the cooperation of all the people.

Altruiam Ladies Meet.

Mrs. Olin Hardy, assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. H. Hardy, was hostess in the Altruiam Club Wednesday, February 24. Owing to the illness of our president, Mrs. Whitmore, Vice President Mrs. Higgins presided over the meeting.

Response in roll call "A quotation from your favorite poet" were given by Madeline Boren, Caten, Cooper, Duff, Grimes, Hardy, Higgins, Howell, Nelson, Smith and Wildford.

After the regular business meeting a most interesting program was rendered. The Travel Study Course on Holland was ably led by Mrs. Grimes. A paper "Range of Tennessee" was read by Mrs. Wildford. A solo by Mrs. Olin Hardy, with Mrs. Nelson at the piano was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. R. Hardy read a paper "What is History to Human Progress" written by Mrs. Buchanan who was tied to the chair.

Grand Table discussion "Financial Value of an Education" was led by Mrs. Cooper.

Most kind of Literature read in the presence of Mrs. W. M. Miller. It was a chapter to the story.

Mrs. Buchanan, whose participation has been extended on invitation to visit us and we expect to anticipate her being with us soon.

Miss Phyllis Terrell, of Dallas University will in two or three weeks present local talent in a most commendable under auspices of the Altruiam Club. Proceeds to go to civic improvement. Exact date, price and name of the play will be announced later.

Mrs. Higgins reminded us of our slogan "Beat the Pie." Now is the time for everyone to begin a most vigorous campaign against the ever increasing foe. One slain now means millions less in destitute later. Not only annihilate the enemy but destroy his forts and camps "Beat the Pie."

At the conclusion of the program Misses Hardy served most delicious refreshments. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Higgins, March 16th.

We Ad Want It.

Mr. Henry, of Sweetwater, was in town yesterday conferring with the local people about an appeal to the Santa Fe railroad to put on a local passenger train each way between Amarillo and Sweetwater.

He says the new schedule is very unsatisfactory to the people south of Stanton and that the Chambers of Commerce at Sweetwater, Snyder, Post, and Stanton have joined in a petition for the proposed two trains.

Considering the large passenger traffic which now travels over this line, as considerable Kansas City and Northern business to the Gulf coast is handled, it seems that there should be two passenger trains each way daily. The people of Plainview are very much in favor of this additional service.—Plainview News.

Still They Come.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weidy and their sons, Lee and Walt Weidy and their families have recently moved to Snyder from Dayton, New Mexico and will reside here. The elder Mrs. Weidy is the only sister of W. T. Baze.

HAS ENGAGED SWEETWATER FIRM—FACTS IN CASE NOT GENERALLY KNOWN

Dutch Jordan, who has been in jail here for several days charged with killing his father, J. B. Jordan, near Dunn had an examining trial last Saturday before Justice of the Peace O. W. Brown. In the examination the state was represented by County Attorney Weems and the accused by Judge C. P. Woodruff and T. Vard Woodruff of Sweetwater. After hearing the testimony of witnesses in the case the court remanded the accused to the custody of the sheriff without prejudice of bail.

The press was not permitted to get the testimony for publication but it is said enough is known to cause some degree of sensational feeling in the minds of people who have known both parties.

The young man seems to be not extensively known, but the deceased had an extensive acquaintance of long standing in the county and was considered an honorable man.

The real facts in the case will probably not be known until they are threshed out in the court.

TO RE-ADMIT WATERS-PIERCE OIL COMPANY

The Texas legislature is considering a bill introduced by Valentine to permit the return to Texas of corporations heretofore ousted. This will take in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. The Waters-Pierce Oil Company, the Harvester Trust, the Standard Oil Company and anything else that was forced out and run out of the state for violation of law.

After the order of the old Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the payment of its fine, its property was taken over by the Texas Petroleum Association.

Secretary of State Wortham was asked to grant a permit to do business in Texas to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Virginia. He declined the Waters-Pierce Oil Company Secretary of State. The matter was taken to the Attorney General's office, which in turn referred it to the application for the Texas permit and continuing proceedings were brought against Secretary Wortham in the Supreme Court, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Virginia contending that it should be granted a permit for it is now without right claim. The Supreme Court refused the mandamus.

The Valentine Bill has now been introduced for the purpose of giving the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, of Virginia another angle upon which to work.

Mrs. Marma Leoney and children are visiting her parents in Lavaca county. Marma accompanied them as far as Dallas, visiting his mother and family while there.

A. G. Letcher, a member of the police force in El Paso was here this week to visit his parents at Plevanna and his brother, Dr. N. C. Letcher in Snyder.

D. C. Bentley was here Tuesday and says the wild cat has cleared him on the chicken question. He says you can't fatten a hog that eats chickens and that is why the cat was poor. He says nearly all preachers are lean and lack.

A. M. Curry is up this week from Miles to look after his farm interests. He says things look good to him here and the people seem to be rushing their work and everybody is hopeful.

Mrs. J. R. Evans and sister, Miss Willie Davis left Tuesday over the Santa Fe for Santa Anna where Mr. Evans is working. Miss Davis will proceed to San Antonio to join her mother.

Mrs. Al Curry and children of Miles were here last week visiting Elmo Curry and family east of town.

Rev. J. W. McGaha, of R. I. was here Monday enroute home from San Angelo where he visited his daughter Mrs. Auntie Irick, who is sick.

The Harvey is reported sick at the home of W. T. Thompson.